



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Building at 700 Lavaca, Austin, Texas.

Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Members present: Bob Ward, Rosemary Morrow, Nancy Hamilton, Nora Jackson, Bill Beare, May Schmidt, Patti Hansen, Marty Moulthrop, Margie Alford, Bob Perkins and Barry Hutcheson. Members absent: Margarine Beaman, Vonnys Rice-Gardner, David White, Carolyn Jones, Adrienne Rison-Isom, and Sarah Harriman. Guests: Jeannette Cook, Shawn Malone and Teri Flack. All three guests are interested in community history and Cook and Malone are applying for membership on the Commission.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as previously emailed to members, on a motion by Bob Ward, seconded by May Schmidt.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hamilton noted that since County funds may not be used for refreshments at a Commission event, monies from our account at Well Fargo were used to reimburse Margie Alford for the expenses incurred for the Camp Mabry award ceremony and reception. On the matter of purchase of an auger to help with marker installations, County funds may be used. Therefore, the members approved the purchase of an auger and Marker Committee chair David White will be requested to send specs to Nancy for this purpose. (see below under Marker Committee)

Research Committee: May Schmidt presented two marker applications for approval: the Peter Mansbendel house and the William and Valerie Mansbendel house. Both are on Avenue F in Hyde Park; Peter Mansbendel was the father of William. Peter was a Swiss émigré and a master woodworker, whose work can be found in many older Austin homes. Both the houses contain many examples of his work. The two applications were approved on a motion by May Schmidt, seconded by Marty Moulthrop, and passed.

May also reported that she and others attended the marker dedications at Pflugerville on October 12 and Zavala Elementary School on November 9. The markers for Pease School and Edward Clark House Outbuilding are at the foundry. The Haskell House was selected as an Untold Story marker. Together with the marker applications approved today, we have submitted 12 applications to the THC during this cycle. Several applications have already been invoiced by THC. The THC has requested additional information for the Graves House (2 Green Lane) and may switch this application to an RTHL. Regarding the cancelled Confederate Pension Fund marker, Barry plans to write to the THC that we concur with their decision to cancel the marker application. A motion to approve the writing of the letter was made by Patti Hansen, seconded by Rosemary Morrow, and passed.

Projects Committee: Bill Beare had no report on the TCHC history project. Barry Hutcheson is almost ready to send the by-law revisions to the members. Committee chair Patti Hansen asked for calendar events for the website for January through May, 2013. Members are asked to email her with such information. Bob Ward said he has photos from the Zavala Elementary School marker dedication as well as from the Pflugerville dedication, which he will send to Patti. Rosemary Morrow reported that Vonnys Rice-Gardner plans to begin work on next year's essay contest in the spring. There was no report on the African-American Schools project, due to the absence of Margarine Beaman.

Markers Committee: Barry will get the specs for the proposed auger purchase from David White. Nancy Hamilton will let the County Purchasing Office know that the specs are coming. It was moved by Patti Hansen and seconded by Rosemary Morrow that up to \$500 be approved for purchase of an auger. Motion passed.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Margie Alford said she will check with Chantal McKenzie from Camp Mabry about photos from the award ceremony. Barry congratulated Margie on all her work on the ceremony and reception, and commented that in the future a committee should be formed to help with events such as this.

CLG Committee: Bob Ward distributed printed copies of the Webberville Survey to members. He will also send copies to the County Commissioners and Judge Biscoe, as well as to the City of Manor and other communities. An application for a survey grant for the area around the F1 track has been submitted.

Correspondence: Barry read a letter from THC's Elizabeth Brummett about crawl space under the O. Henry House.

Announcements: Shawn Malone is designing a TCHC card for members to hand out.

Bill Beare is notarizing membership applications today.

May Schmidt has a list of all THC marker applications.

Bob Ward asked that members consider meeting on a Saturday at local historic sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop, Recording Secretary

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November 2012 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance Nov 2012: \$4873.67

Travis County 2012 account totals: \$1942, distributed as follows:

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment)

Nov Balance \$345

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged

Nov Balance \$57

1-1700-639-60-23 (Postal / Freight Out)

Nov Balance \$0

1-1700-639-60-99 (Other purchased Services)

Nov Balance \$0

1-1700-639-65-03 (Travel, meals and lodging)

Nov Balance \$100

1-1700-639-65-04 (Training and seminars)

Nov Balance \$200

[1-1700-639-90-01 (Co. Contribution to Grants)

Nov Balance \$0]

1-1700-639-75-08 (Markers)

Nov Balance \$1240.00

Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer